

I travel frequently up and down the east coast and the midwest and satellite radio has been a godsend. The instant traffic and weather XM radio provides keeps me out of traffic jams without having to figure out what the local stations are that provide this service. Even if I could find the station easily, their traffic and weather reports are not as comprehensive or as frequent. XM radio provides constant 24 information, therefore, I can't get the information I need immediately, which can save headaches and keep me out of gridlock.

I believe it to be wrong for the FCC to keep XM from broadcasting this information. They provide a service that local news stations simply cannot provide well enough. I urge the FCC to reject the National Association of Broadcasters petition 04-160 and to give the listeners the freedom to listen to quality and quantity radio broadcasts. Competition will always bring out the best in both sides.

Sincerely,
Steven Engel